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Dear Mother & Folks Calais Staging Area.

How is things in the states. Am now at a Staging Area & have been here three days. Don't know just how long we will be here but am real sure we will sail before the end of this month. Won't make it in time for Thanksgiving but am sure I will be home in time to help put that bird up. We will probably be given furlough & then discharged. That day won't come to soon for me. Sure am tired of living in mud & out of a barracks bag. Some guys like this life but it's no place for a guy in his right mind.

Haven't been paid for two months, also have my back combat pay of 150 dollars coming. I will get all this

& also my mustering out pay when we get discharged. Boy I wouldn't know what to do with all that money.

I read the Am Note Anne gave last Saturday. Anne really has a powerful tale this year. Jan is in F.H.S. doing now. Hope they get in the win column soon.

We are not doing much now getting about & having clothing inspection, just waiting for that word to head for the beach & hit that old Jap plane. Guess it would be best not to write anymore unless I tell you to do so for I may be on my way by the time you get this. Don't think it will be long now & boy am I glad.

Love to All

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